

REPORTS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR
1919



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

Year Ending January 1, 1920



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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1.—To elect three Selectmen who shall be overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, one Moderator, two Constables, two Auditors and one Tree Warden all for one year. Also one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Library Trustee, one School Committee, all for three years. Also two Sinking Fund Commissioners, one for two years and one for three years. Also to vote on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquor in this Town?" Yes or No. All on one Ballot.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a Committee to expend the same.

ART. 4.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining Street Lights.

ART. 5.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

ART. 7.—To fix the amount of the salary of the Tax Collector.

ART. 8.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other Committees and act thereon.

ART. 9.—To hear the report of the Water Commissioners and act thereon.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to expend the Whiting Street Fund or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build and repair sidewalks in Precinct A and Precinct B, Precinct B on High Street and Kingsley Avenue, or take any action thereon.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to help defray the expenses of the Visiting Nurse.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Fire insurance upon its public buildings.

ART. 14.—To raise and appropriate a sum of money for a new hose wagon in Precinct B.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a roller for rolling and making snow roads in winter.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will appropriate \$150.00 for the support of the Hampshire County Farm Bureau and elect a director of that Organization who will be the official town representative for the County Board of Trustees as per Chapter 273 of the Acts of 1918, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will receive and administer the trust imposed by a bequest of Margaret Edwards of fifty dollars, for the care of her lot in the Haydenville Cemetery, or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will raise and provide a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a permanent memorial to all those persons of this town who served in the Civil, Spanish, and World Wars, and appoint a committee to expend the same, or take any further action relating thereto.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of employing a visiting nurse to make regular visits to our schools, and appoint a committee to expend the same.

ART. 20.—To see what action the town will take relative to the report of the Bridge engineer of the Public Service Commission, dated November 29th, 1919, on an inspection of the Silk Mill Bridge so-called.

ART. 21.—To see if the Town will accept the provision of Chapter 155 of the acts of 1918 to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars to maintain roads exclusive of State Highway and roads within the village limits.

ART. 22.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair bridges, remove snow, and other road work not covered by road bill Chapter 155 of the Acts of 1918.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:

The Selectmen's report for the year ending December 31, 1919, is as follows:

APPROPRIATION FOR 1919.

Farm Bureau,	\$150 00
(Road Mileage Bill, Chapter 155,	
Acts of 1918),	(1,200 00)
(From the Cone Bridge Funds),	(2,500 00)
Poor,	1,200 00
Mothers' Pension Act 763, of 1913,	1,000 00
Soldiers' Relief,	50 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Schools,	13,500 00
Library,	250 00
Interest,	1,000 00
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00
Hydrants and Water Tanks,	500 00
To insure public buildings,	25 00
Street Lights,	1,900 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Side Walks precinct A. 1000. Precinct B. 1000.	2,000 00
Approaches to Cone Bridge,	300 00

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Under the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1910 the expense of the poor for the past year has been as follows:—

Total amount expended for Pauper Aid,	1,516 79
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AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Due from State Cases,	273 00	
Due from Northampton,	10 00	
Due from Amherst,	113 00	
Due from South Hadley Falls,	15 00	
Due from Hadley,	21 00	
Received from individuals,	207 03	
Received from State,	81 65	
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Total,		\$1,920 68

MOTHERS' PENSION—ACT OF 1913.

Total amount expended,		\$1, 461 69
Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Received from State,	836 84	
Received from Northampton,	104 77	
Due from Northampton,	197 34	
Due from State,	486 87	
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Total,	\$2,625 82	

ALMONERS OF THE WHITING STREET FUND.

Paid 3 beneficiaries each \$5 00,	\$15 00	
Paid 1 beneficiary,	6 00	
Paid 32 beneficiaries each \$10 00,	320 00	
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Total,		\$341 00
Amount received,	\$290 00	
Balance from 1918,	403 86	
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Total,		\$693 86
Balance,		\$352 86

SIDEWALKS

Precinct A., Paid Peter Aloisi,	\$1,420 48	
Precinct B., Paid Peter Aloisi,	1,185 10	
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Total,		\$2,605 58
Due from Abutters Precinct A.,	\$85 00	
Appropriation Precinct A.,	1,000 00	
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Total,	\$1,085 00	
Due from Abutters Precinct B.,	104 25	
Appropriation Precinct B.,	1,000 00	
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Total,	\$1,104 25	

SPECIAL

Paid W. M. Purrington, Insurance on Grange Hall,	\$11 00	
Paid W. M. Purrington, Insurance on road tools,	11 00	
Paid W. M. Purrington, Insurance on Engine House Precinct A & B.,	58 20	
	<hr/>	\$80 20
Appropriations: \$25 00.		

FARM BUREAU

Paid Farm Bureau,	\$150 00
Appropriation,	150 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation,	50 00
Paid,	

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Mill River Eletric Light Co.,	\$1,755	00	
Paid for Lamps,	46	55	
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			\$1,801 55
Appropriation, \$1,900.00.			

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co.,			
for electric current and meter			
charge Precinct A.,	\$9	00	
Paid Fire Department in Precinct A.,	40	00	
Paid Mill River Electric Light Co.,			
for electric current and meter			
charge Precinct B.,	9	00	
Paid Fire Department in Precinct B.,	40	00	
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			\$98 00
Appropriation, \$200.00.			

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Allen Adams,	\$5	13	
Barrett & Co., Tarvia,	99	62	
Rev. Joseph Daley, gravel,	3	00	
Graves' Garage, labor,	1	40	
W. Graves, labor,	1	25	
Joseph Gilbert, labor,	6	00	
Haydenville Co., cinders,	8	75	
O. W. Hill, labor,	3	00	
E. P. Hemenway, labor,	3	77	
E. J. Knox, labor,	6	00	
Frank Loomer, labor,	5	41	
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight			
on Tarvia,	20	97	
Alfred Nichols, labor,	9	00	
H. H. Nichols, labor,	36	56	
Frank O'Brien, labor,	4	50	

Paid Edward O'Neil, chestnut plank,	\$245 87	
Alexander Pertoski, labor,	3 00	
Railway Express on Traffic Sign,	2 23	
George Rood, labor,	11 00	
Lewis Stephens, labor,	6 65	
Traffic Sign Co., road signs,	20 00	
Harry Warner, labor,	3 00	
George Warner, labor,	5 30	
Lyle Wales, labor,	6 50	
Lewis Welch, labor,	3 00	
Henry Waid, labor,	2 75	
Alton Warner, labor,	1 60	
Will Warner, coil of rope,	2 50	
		<hr/> \$527 76

AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAYS.

Street Railway Franchise Tax,	\$334 72	
Street Railway excise Tax,	689 74	
		<hr/> \$1,024 46

ROAD MILEAGE BILL

Paid Allen B. Adams, labor,	\$19 68
Myron Adams, labor,	2 43
A. Bartofsky, labor,	269 25
R. G. Bradford, labor,	22 50
F. D. Bramble, labor,	64 50
Herbert Cheney, labor,	4 13
S. A. Clark, labor,	6 75
D. E. Clary, labor,	2 82
A. G. Cone, labor,	6 00
L. A. Cranson, labor,	4 12
Ami Emrick, labor,	9 37
A. E. Everett, labor,	10 00
J. Gilbert, labor,	103 14
R. Goodwin, labor,	3 50

Paid H. W. Graves, labor,	83 20
Murray Graves, labor,	17 25
Patrick Grace, labor,	2 06
Carl Hemenway, labor,	45 00
E. P. Hemenway, labor,	121 41
O. W. Hill, labor,	444 19
W. E. Kellogg, labor,	13 88
E. J. Knox, labor,	377 81
Albert Lawton, labor,	3 00
Herbert Lawton, labor,	93
W. A. Lee, labor,	12 00
Frank Loomer, labor,	358 92
James Loud, labor,	24 50
Cecil Loomis, labor,	1 50
C. K. Merritt, labor,	64 50
Railroad Express,	1 15
Good Roads Mfg Co.,	26 80
C. A. Maynard, shovels,	5 00
Haydenville Co., ashes,	3 85
New England Culvert Co.,	135 85
Fred W. Thayer, supplies,	11 93
William Chadwick, supplies,	53 97
Foster-Farrar Co., supplies,	21 24
Harry Drake, supplies,	2 11
Ralph Graves, supplies,	1 95
F. A. Shumway, gravel,	7 60
A. E. Everett, gravel,	5 50
M. Wales, gravel,	5 00
E. P. Hemenway, gravel,	80
John Welch, gravel,	2 20
H. Cranson, gravel,	1 00
Mrs. Hinds, gravel,	4 70
E. C. Phillips, gravel,	2 80
H. Warner, gravel,	2 50
James Stone, gravel,	16 30
C. S. Damon, gravel,	50

Paid Frank Merritt, gravel,	\$140 81	
W. B. Miller, gravel,	7 87	
Alfred Nichols, gravel,	364 13	
H. H. Nichols, gravel,	933 72	
W. O'Brien, gravel,	9 93	
E. O'Neil, gravel,	7 50	
George H. Rood, gravel,	799 07	
Fred Sanderson, gravel,	13 00	
F. E. Sanderson, gravel,	53 19	
F. A. Shumway, gravel,	150 50	
A. A. Shumway, gravel,	9 00	
W. E. Shumway, gravel,	6 00	
Leon Shumway, gravel,	42 00	
James Stone, gravel,	45 50	
E. R. Sylvester, gravel,	6 00	
Jesse Trask, gravel,	6 00	
George Thresher, gravel,	54 00	
Harold Wade, gravel,	19 00	
John Wade, gravel,	47 81	
Earl Wales, gravel,	6 00	
Lyle Wales, gravel,	799 94	
M. Waller, gravel,	6 00	
G. H. Warner, gravel,	3 00	
H. W. Warner, gravel,	38 87	
Lewis Welch, gravel,	162 94	
	<hr/>	\$5,830 12
Paid Joseph Daley, gravel,	1 00	
Charles Dadman, gravel,	1 00	
Mrs. Fanny Loomis, gravel,	9 10	
J. H. Graham, gravel,	5 00	
Truck to Westhampton,	.	
R. G. Bradford, lumber,	3 00	
Almon Everett, lumber,	13 60	
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	345 45	
Total,	<hr/>	\$6,175 57
Appropriation, \$1,200.00.		

Appropriation from Cone Bridge		
Funds,	\$2,500 00	
Received from State Highway Com-		
mission,	2,389 88	
	<hr/>	\$6,089 88
From individuals,	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,159 88

APPROACHES TO CONE BRIDGE

Paid Fred Warner,	\$14 00	
Appropriations, \$300.00.		
Balance,		\$286 00

Because of difference in alignment of bridge and old walks it was deemed advisable not to build guard rails until walk is laid. Estimate by E. C. Davis, engineer, (blue print on file with Selectmen). Cost to build this walk from the bridge to Main Street in 1919 was \$835.00.

TOOL HOUSE.

Paid Ami Emrick, labor,	\$9 57	
George Sumner, labor,	15 00	
Edward Cowing, labor,	28 50	
Jesse Wells and man,	79 00	
James Loud, labor,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$152 07

Appropriation, \$200.00.

Sale of site of old tool house,	325 00
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Because of labor conditions we could not finish this building this fall.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WELCOME COMMITTEE

Paid McCallum & Co.,	\$9 14
Murray Printing Co.,	70 05
Brewster, Hotel Banquet,	202 00

Paid R. F. Burke,	\$6 68	
Frank Bisbee,	2 16	
Bay State Cigar Co.,	9 00	
W. M. Purrington,	1 75	
Blinn's Orchestra,	18 00	
W. A. LeDuc,	2 00	
Whitehead Hoag & Co.,	114 92	
Haydenville Band,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$485 70
Bills outstanding,		21 50
	<hr/>	\$507 20
Appropriation,	500 00	

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Paid Peter Aloisi, concrete drive to engine house, Precinct A,	43 00	
Peter Aloisi, concrete landing at end of carline,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$51 00
Cecil Bagnell, dog license blanks,	1 41	
J. S. Burt, registrar,	10 00	
A. W. Brunell, assessors blanks,	8 90	
John Brown, trimming trees,	1 00	
Wells Bisbee, registrar and ballot clerk,	13 50	
R. F. Burke, stamped envelopes, town clerk,	38 75	
J. A. Breckenridge, inspector of animals,	38 50	
J. A. Breckenridge, elector under the Oliver Smith Will,	10 00	
H. E. Bradford, Water Com- missioner,	50 00	
T. I. Breckenridge, Ballot Clerk,	7 00	

Paid T. I. Breckenridge,	
Coal for Town Hall,	\$6 00
T. I. Breckenridge, Assessor,	50 00
A. G. Cone, auto, dog case,	4 80
A. G. Cone, auto,	
Board of Health case,	6 20
A. G. Cone, expense to	
Boston, twice,	33 62
A. G. Cone, Chairman of	
Selectmen,	125 00
A. G. Cone, postage and	
stationery,	8 63
Charles Chase, transfer for	
assessors,	4 80
F. A. Brooks, moderator,	10 00
Charles S. Damon, Assessor,	60 00
Charles S. Damon, copying,	10 00
Charles S. Damon, supplies,	2 05
Charles R. Damon, Assessor,	50 00
George Dolan, ballot clerk,	7 00
George Dansereau, tax col-	
lector, 1916 and 1917,	300 00
Burton Dobbs, costable,	139 50
Fire Department, Precinct A.,	
for forest fires,	18 30
C. R. Gardner, Trachoma Case,	10 00
Gazette Printing Co.,	
Town Reports, etc.,	89 60
Henry W. Hill, Town Clerk	
and Treasurer,	200 00
Henry W. Hill, Vital Statistics,	46 00
Henry W. Hill, Ballot clerk,	10 50
Edward Larkin, Ballot Clerk,	10 50
Frank LaValley, Special Police,	5 00
W. G. Loomis, Auditor,	5 00
T. P. Larkin, Auditor,	5 00

Paid L. W. Molloy, expense	
to Boston,	\$13 50
L. W. Molloy, Ballot Clerk,	10 50
John Mathers, Ballot Clerk,	10 50
E. C. Miller, Ballot Clerk,	7 00
H. H. Nichols, Selectman,	100 00
Northampton Electric Light Co.,	
Lamps, town hall,	1 75
Warner H. Nash, stove for	
town hall,	5 00
Mertie O'Brien, special police,	5 00
A. J. Polmatier, expense	
to Boston,	13 50
W. M. Purrington, bond for	
tax collector,	30 00
Michael Riley, registrar,	10 00
Ernest Rood, auto for forest	
fires,	8 00
Leon Sanderson, lamps for	
town clock, Precinct B.,	2 80
James Stone, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
New England Telephone Co.,	
toll calls for A. G. Cone,	45 73
New England Telephone Co.,	
John Trainor, instru-	
ment charge,	20 06
New England Telephone Co.,	
Town Hall, instru-	
ment charge,	19 48
New England Telephone Co.,	
B. L. Dobbs,	16 08
Walter Thayer, Ballot Clerk,	
1918 and 1919,	17 50
Fred Thayer, Supplies for	
Town Hall,	2 87

Paid John Trainor, Constable, posting warrants and col- lecting dog tax,	\$129 50	
John Trainor, Ballot Clerk,	7 00	
Max Taylor, Rent of shed for Road Tools,	42 00	
Frank Taylor, Selectman,	100 00	
Fred Vining, inspector of meat and slaughtering,	63 50	
Frebun White, Ballot Clerk,	7 00	
Harry Warner, Ballot Clerk,	3 50	
Warren & Watt, Electric work,	19 51	
Warren & Watt, Repairs on time clock, Precinct B.,	1 50	
Warren & Watt, Lamps for town clock, Precinct B.,	4 50	
Warner & Dolan, express,	75	
Hobbs & Warren, legal blanks,	45	
John Welch, fire department, Precinct B., O'Brien fire,	10 00	
James Wattie, Dust Down, Town Hall,	25	
	<hr/>	\$2,179 79

AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Appropriation,	\$800 00	
Corporation Tax,	1,019 23	
Bank Tax,	599 09	
Reimbursement for Tax Losses,	9 89	
Sundry licenses,	62 00	
Inspection of animals,	19 24	
Rent of Town Hall,	108 50	
Total,	<hr/>	\$2,618 70

STATE HIGHWAY

The work of taking over the State Highway is not completed at this time, but as soon as the survey is completed this road running from C. B. Tower's residence to the junction of the Chesterfield-Goshen highways will be taken over by the State Highway Commission, who has kept this piece of road in repair during the year 1919, except for bridge work, removal of snow, and guard rails, at an expense of around three thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. CONE,

F. L. TAYLOR,

H. H. NICHOLS.

Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners

DR.

1919.		
Feb. 16.	Cash,	\$578 80
	Interest,	24 20
	Coupons,	760 00
	Town Treasurer,	1,000 00
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		\$2,363 00

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Paid Haydenville Savings Bank		
for two Williamsburg Water		
Bonds,	\$2,000 00	
Accrued Interest,	10 60	
Balance of cash,	353 00	
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TOTAL ASSETS.

Twenty-one Bonds, Williams-		
burg,	\$21,000 00	
Cash in Haydenville Bank,	353 00	
	<hr/>	\$21,353 00

Signed, HENRY W. GRAVES,
WILLIAM A. METCALF.

Assessors' Report

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate,	\$1,214,963 00
Value of Assessed Real Estate,	\$921,140 00
Value of Assessed Personal Estate,	293,823 00
	<hr/> \$1,214,963 00

Value of Assessed Buildings,	\$620,935 00
Value of Assessed Land,	300,205 00
	<hr/> \$921,140 00

Number of polls assessed,	5444
No. of residents assessed on property,	345
All others (corporations, etc.,)	58
No. of Non-residents assessed on property,	72
All others,	26
No. of persons assessed on property,	501
No. of persons assessed for poll tax only,	225
Rate total tax per thousand,	\$24 50
No. of horses assessed,	209
No. of cows assessed,	417
No. of neat cattle assessed,	242
No. of sheep assessed,	63
No. of swine assessed,	108
No. of fowls assessed,	1,468
No. of dwelling houses assessed,	415

State tax,	\$2,970 00
State tax special,	178 20
State Highway tax,	268 00
County tax,	2,800 90
Town grant,	24,112 28
Overlayings,	418 24
	<hr/> \$30,747 62

Northampton Street Railway Excise Tax,	\$689 74
Bank and Corporation Tax,	1,619 02
Income Tax,	1,737 72

Value of Property Exempt from Taxation,	
Literary Institutions,	\$67,500 00
Church Property,	53,900 00
Petticoat Hill Park,	1,500 00
	<hr/> \$112,900 00

Estimated value of Public Build- ings, Water Works, Fire Ap- pratus, and Sinking Fund,	\$140,000 00
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. DAMON,

CHARLES R. DAMON,

THOMAS I. BRECKENRIDGE,

Assessors of Williamsburg.

Water Commissioners' Report

RECEIPTS

Balance cash on hand last report,	\$142 15	
Received for water rents,	2,628 61	
for service connections,	55 00	
from town for hydrants,		
and water tanks,	500 00	
for grass,	10 00	
for interest on deposits,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,349 76

EXPENDITURES

Paid W. H. Riley, supplies,	\$5 04
W. N. Potter Sons & Co., cement,	7 65
Harrold & Bond, wheel scraper,	122 41
Nonotuck Silk Co., supplies,	3 14
Northampton Water Dept.	
supplies,	3 25
The Haydenville Co., supplies,	4 45
Norwood Engineering Co.,	
supplies,	4 50
F. W. Thayer, supplies,	2 25
G. I. Churchill, paint,	4 00
Gazette Printing Co., printing,	7 25
Bradford Lumber Co., sawing,	44 52
William Chadwick, repairs,	14 62
George A. Thresher, care of	
reservoirs,	35 00

Paid W. H. Reed, labor,	\$4 00	
Frank O'Brien, labor,	2 00	
B. L. Dobbs, labor,	1 25	
Henry Welch, labor,	6 00	
Charles O'Brien, labor,	18 75	
John Burke, labor,	9 00	
William O'Brien, labor,	6 00	
Richard Welch, labor,	3 37	
John Litna, labor,	1 87	
H. E. Bradford, labor		
and supplies,	59 35	
P. J. Murphy, plumbing,	52 72	
Frank Hosford, labor,	3 00	
W. H. Harris, labor,	27 00	
Lewis Stephens, labor,	21 33	
C. W. Porter, labor,	2 70	
George O'Brien, labor,	6 38	
Stamps and Stationery,	6 00	
George A. Thresher, labor		
with team,	328 76	
R. D. Ames, labor with team,	259 11	
George Chajec, labor,	96 67	
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. rent of		
crossing, for water pipe,	1 00	
Balance cash on hand,	175 42	
Henry W. Hill, Treasurer,	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,349 76

GEORGE A. THRESHER,

H. E. BRADFORD,

E. CYRUS MILLER,

Water Commissioners.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance from last report,	\$9,311 23
Received on Tax levy of 1916,	219 66
Tax levy of 1917,	1,596 83
Tax levy of 1918,	4,900 88
Tax levy of 1919,	24,616 11
Income of Collins School Fund,	985 89
Income of Whiting Street Fund,	290 00
Temporary Loans,	25,000 00
Refund of Dog Tax,	75 63
Tuition of State Wards,	145 50
Tuition of City of Boston wards 1918,	228 25
Tuition of City of Boston wards 1919,	370 50
Tuition of Town of Chesterfield,	75 00
Tuition of Town of Hawley,	25 00
Tuition of Special High School from State,	775 00
Tuition of Superintendent of Schools Funds,	625 00
General School Fund from State,	460 00
Income Mass. School Fund,	1,037 06
Industrial School Refund,	151 39
Old Desks and Seats sold,	36 00

From Town of Worthington

supplies,	\$4 31
Use of School Hall,	1 00
Rent of Grange Hall,	35 00
Rent of Town Hall,	108 50
From Water Department,	2,000 00
State Corporation Tax,	1,019 93
National Bank Tax,	599 09
Reimbursement State Aid,	344 00
Reimbursement Loss of Taxes,	9 89
Soldiers' Exemption Act,	
Chap. 229, 1916,	24 50
Inspection of Animals,	19 25
Street R. W. Franchise Tax,	334 72
Street R. W. Excise Tax,	689 74
District Court Fines	93 05
Individuals on Pauper Account,	207 03
Mothers Pension Act. from State,	836 84
Mothers Pension City of	
Northampton,	104 77
Support of State Paupers,	81 65
Interest on Deposits,	303 62
Interest on Taxes,	376 75
From Mass. H. W. Commission,	2,389 88
Sundry Licenses,	62 00
State Income Tax, 1919,	1,497 72
Sate Income Tax, 1918,	150 00
Sate Income Tax, 1917,	90 00
From sale of Tool House Site,	325 00
From Individuals on Highway	
Acct.,	70 00
From Atlas Portland Cement Co.,	
for Bags,	69 40
From Rebate on freight,	20 00
Sidewalk Tax from Abutters,	57 00
From sale of Sundry Articles,	1 41
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\$82,850 98	

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid State Tax,	\$2,970 00
Special State Tax, (see Chap. 346,	
Acts of 1919),	178 00
County Tax,	2,800 90
Temporary Loans,	25,000 00
School Site Loan Note,	700 00
Concrete Bridge Loan Note,	250 00
Davenport Farm Loan Note,	500 00
Cone Bridge Loan Note,	1,000 00
On orders of School Com-	
mittee,	18,145 52
On orders of Selectmen	
Highways,	527 76
Contingent Account,	2,179 79
Street Lights,	1,801 55
Pauper Account,	1,516 79
Fire Department,	98 00
Haydenville Library,	175 55
Whiting Street Fund,	341 00
Sidewalks,	2,605 58
Insurance,	80 20
Mothers Pension Act,	1,461 69
Hydrants and Water Tanks,	500 00
Hampshire County Farm	
Bureau,	150 00
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,000 00
Interest on Loans,	1,948 16
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
State Aid,	348 00
District Court Fees,	62 87
Repairs on State Highway,	268 00
Special Highway work,	6,175 87
Approaches to Cone Bridge,	18 25

Paid Certification of Town Notes,	\$2 00	
Tool House,	152 07	
Soldiers Celebration,	485 70	
Sundry Abatements, 1916 Tax,	36 63	
Sundry Abatements, 1917 Tax,	141 62	
Balance,	7,179 28	
	<hr/>	\$82,850 98

INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND

Dividend on 20 shares of Northamp-		
ton National Bank Stock,	\$280 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Hampshire Co.		
National Bank Stock,	100 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Mechanic		
National Bank Stock,	\$180 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National		
Bank of Greenfield,	210 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National		
Bank of Northampton,	147 00	
Interest at Haydenville Savings Bank,	68 89	
	<hr/>	\$985 89

STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT

Water Bonds,	\$50,000 00	
Less Sinking Fund,	21,352 86	
Balance,	<hr/>	\$28,647 14

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,	\$1,277 32	
Trustees Meekins Library,	75 00	
First National Bank of North-		
ampton,	595 84	
	<hr/>	\$1,948 16

AVAILABLE

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Interest on Deposits,	303 62	
Interest on Taxes,	376 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,680 37

TOWN ASSETS

Balance in Treasury,	\$7,179 28	
Due on Taxes, 1918,	1,411 08	
Due on Taxes, 1919,	6,171 65	
Due on State Aid Account,	348 00	
Due on Mothers' Pension Act,	684 21	
Due on Pauper Account,	432 00	
Sinking Fund,	21,352 86	
Balance,	42,170 92	
	<hr/>	\$79,750 00

LIABILITIES

Due Geo. Dansereau, 2 years salary,	\$400 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank,		
Balance of Loan,	13,000 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank,		
Balance of School Site Loan,	2,100 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank,		
Balance of Davenport Farm		
Loan,	1,000 00	
Due First National Bank of North-		
ampton, Balance of Cone Bridge		
Loan,	12,000 00	
Due Trustees of Meekins Library,		
Balance of Concrete Bridge		
Loan,	1,250 00	
Water Bonds outstanding,	50,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$79,750 00

ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE LOANS ACCOUNT

Balance from last year,	\$13,000 00	
Borrowed of Haydenville Savings Bank,	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$38,000 00
Paid Haydenville Savings Bank, Balance 1918 Loan,	\$13,000 00	
Paid Haydenville Savings Bank, on 1919 Loan,	12,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$25,000 00
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Balance outstanding,		\$13,000 00
Concrete Bridge Loan outstanding,	1,250 00	
School Site Loan outstanding,	2,100 00	
Davenport Farm Loan outstanding,	1,000 00	
Cone Bridge Loan, outstanding,	12,000 00	

STATE AID, 1918.

Paid January,	\$42 00	
February,	26 00	
March,	26 00	
April,	26 00	
May,	26 00	
June,	26 00	
July,	32 00	
August,	32 00	
September,	32 00	
October,	32 00	
November,	26 00	
December,	22 00	
	<hr/>	\$348 00

Paid Ellen Ames,	\$48 00	
Warren A. Flagg,	48 00	
Henry H. Hitchcock,	48 00	
Henry S. Leonard,	44 00	
Jane Richardson,	48 00	
Anna W. Jordan,	72 00	
Charles Walker,	24 00	
Nellie J. Weeks,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$348 00

THE ELECTA WAIT FUND.

This Fund now amounts to \$1,500.00. It is on deposit in the Northampton Institution for Savings and the Income will be available for the purpose for which it was given after April 1, 1920.

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

I. F. Baker Fund,	\$300 00	
Accrued Interest to Jan. 1, 1920,	78 77	
L. C. Graves Fund,	200 00	
Accrued Interest to Jan. 1, 1920,	52 52	
W. F. Warren Fund,	100 00	
Accrued Interest to Jan. 1, 1920,	26 25	
Henry W. Warner Fund,	100 00	
Accrued Interest to Jan. 1, 1920,	26 25	
Paid C. W. Warner, labor in		
Mt. St. Cem.,	\$17 00	
W. A. Lee, labor in		
Mt. St. Cem.,	8 60	
	<hr/>	\$25 60

STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSES.

55 males at \$2.00 each,	\$110 00	
3 females at \$5.00 each,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$125 00
Less fees,		11 60
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Paid County Treasurer,		\$113 40

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

Williamsburg, Mass. Feb. 19, 1920.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Sinking Fund Commissioners and School Committee, and find them correct and properly vouched for, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

THOMAS P. LARKIN,

WILLIAM G. LOOMIS,

Auditors.

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1919.

January	6. Elmer Burdo.
	8. Forest Francis Clary.
	24. Libaro Benvenuti.
	26. Anna Goumelski.
February	9. Mary Apoloniza Guzik.
	20. Olive Mae Mooney.
	25. Ethel Elizabeth Spitzer.
	25. Dorothy Elizabeth Spitzer.
March	1. Annie Jablonski.
	30. Barbara Ruth Burt.
	31. Melvin Arthur Cross.
April	14. Florence Charlotte Lloyd.
	26. Edna Marion Thayer.
May	17. Peter Osga.
July	1. ————Kopka.
	7. ————Jablonski.
	25. ————Golash.
August	1. Madeline Hazel Saulway.
	5. Joseph Kulas.
	18. Alexander Russell Cook.
	27. Joseph Kopski.
	30. Mary Joseph Michloski.
September	15. Edwin Morrill.
	20. Catherine Ozzleck.
	20. Helen Ozzleck.

- October 1. Ralph Richards Graves.
 3. Leon Stempkoski.
 November 21. Stella Demerski.
 December 16. Lottie Angustoski.
 23. Ceclia Mary Burdo.
 5. Adeline Merritt.
 28. Jennie Norczak.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1919.

- Jan. 28. Spencer P. Bickford, Williamsburg.
 Alta B. C. Dobbs, Williamsburg.
 March 3. Charles Wesley Merritt, Williamsburg.
 Lydia Wade, Williamsburg.
 April 20. William W. Newman, Williamsburg.
 Louise Frances Horton, E. Providence, R. I.
 April 30. LeRoy E. Watling, Williamsburg, (Hville).
 Anna E. Hickey, Williamsburg, (Hville).
 May 10. Carl M. Hemenway, Williamsburg.
 Elsie H. Witherill, Northampton.
 May 14. John J. Noble, Williamsburg, (Hville).
 Phoebe Mary Chenette, Northampton.
 June 4. Thomas F. Lenihan, Williamsburg, (Hville).
 Grace M. Larkin, Williamsburg, (Hville).
 June 22. John Francis Hall, Northampton.
 Amy Stebbins Goodhue, Williamsburg, (Hville)
 June 30. Geo. M. Dewey, Northampton.
 Madeline E. Gile, Northampton.
 July 25. Milton O. Wickes, Northampton.
 L. Mildred Russell, Northampton.
 Sept. 3. James E. Hall, Northampton.
 Catheryn V. Molloy, Williamsburg, (Hville).
 Sept. 20. Linwood T. Culver, Williamsburg.
 Janie M. Chadwick, Williamsburg.
 Sept. 23. Ward E. Shumway, Williamsburg.
 Evelyn E. Hyde, Williamsburg.

- Sept. 30. Burril G. Cone, Williamsburg, (Hville).
Gertrude M. Blinn, Northampton.
- Sept 30. Meade Hesson Horner, Lakeville, Iowa.
Harrietta Carlota Hamilton, Williamsburg.
- Oct. 6. Walter Wojcik, New Britain, Ct.
Anna Ozzolik, Williamsburg (Hville).
- Oct. 11. J. Edwards Pierpont, New Haven, Ct.
Dorothy Hinds, Williamsburg.
- Oct. 11. John Hill Holton, Dorchester, Mass.
Sarah Pierpont, Williamsburg.
- Oct. 14. Philbert L. Burdean, Williamsburg.
Pearl LaGoy, Altona, N. Y.
- Oct. 20. John Kacmarczk, New Britain, Conn.
Bertha Kowalczyk, Williamsburg, (Hville).
- Oct. 30. Charles H. Stone, Northampton.
Hazel Wade, Williamsburg.
- Nov. 3. Leon Chester Williams, Plainfield, Mass.
Florence Abbie Nye, Plainfield, Mass.
- Nov. 11. George J. Young, Williamsburg, (Hville).
Lillian M. Roberts, Holyoke, Mass.
- Nov. 29. Edward J. Quinn, Williamsburg.
Kathlene Meigher, Holyoke, Mass.
- Dec. 31. Erving E. Robbins, Williamsburg.
Catherine I. Sanderson, Whately, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1919.

Date	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 29.	Arminda Stebbins,	99	1	26
Feb. 9.	Lena May Hayden,	3	6	15
Feb. 14.	Hannah M. Orcutt,	87	2	30
Mar. 14.	Louise Alice LeCasse,		6	14
Mar. 18.	Florence Prince,	33		
Mar. 18.	Stephen Kulas,	26	2	
Mar 18.	Julia Brault,	62	10	24
Mar. 24.	John Walshe,	76	9	2
Mar. 25.	John Bednarz,	28	8	28

Date	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Mar. 29.	Roseline Perras,	16	10	13
April. 1.	Jennie Lintner,	4	9	7
April 8.	Margaret Blakeslee,	27	6	16
April 9.	Myron W. Blakeslee,	27	4	15
May 12.	Justine Webster Nash,	4	7	18
June 2.	George Laurent Dansereau,		8	24
June 13.	Alvin Lawrence,	87	9	17
June 15.	Josephine Cordelia Warner,	71	10	24
July 23.	Charles W. Magannis,	72	9	7
July 13.	Kenneth L. Damon,	18	9	13
July 29.	Dennis Brazill,	77	1	7
Sept. 8.	Frances C. Lawrence,	48	6	28
Oct. 14.	Selina Duplisses,	69	7	
Oct. 20.	Mary O'Neil,	75		
Oct. 21.	William W. Nash,	67	6	1
Nov. 13.	Ida Dansereau Riley,	26	9	2
Dec. 5.	Robert F. Drabble,	49	10	6

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL,

Town Clerk.

Report of Public Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Haydenville Village Library beg to present the following report:

After a two years trial of a reading room as an adjunct to our library it has seemed wise and expedient to discontinue same this coming year.

Our library has listed some 2800 volumes at present.

While many in this list are the higher grade of fiction, yet the large majority are books well worth while, both in their interesting qualities and their means of culture to book lovers. The public is urged to use the library in the largest possible measure because it is a public institution whose highest aim is to serve its people.

The financial statement is as follows.

Paid Bridgman & Lyman, Books,	\$42 01
Harper & Bros., books,	27 00
Houghton Mifflin & Co., books,	8 55
J. W. Heffernan, books,	2 00
Hampshire Book Shop, books	8 46
Charles M. Clark, books,	6 88
Mrs. H. C. Chapin, magazines,	30 25
Maud Warner, librarian,	14 40
Mary E. Smily, librarian,	20 00
Gladys Miller, librarian,	13 00
Bradford Lumber Co., wood,	3 00
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	\$175 55

Appropriation, \$250.00.

GEO. M. PAGE,
THOS. H. IVES,
E. CYRUS MILLER,
Trustees Haydenville Village Library.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

Year Ending January 1, 1920



NORTHAMPTON, MASS.
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Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:

We herewith submit for your approval our annual report for the year 1919-20.

The available appropriation made for schools last year was \$18,500.53, of which \$18,120.53 has been expended to date, thus leaving a balance of \$380.

We have made all necessary repairs on our different buildings, including the installation of a new furnace at the Center School at Haydenville and the repainting of the roof there; also the repairing of the underpinning of the North street school building and general repairs on the First Primary building at Haydenville.

As you will see by the Superintendent's report the cost of books and supplies has increased one hundred per cent.

We wish to express our appreciation of the loyalty of our efficient corps of teachers. We are glad to do all in our power to help them in their good work. It is with regret that we accept the resignation of Mrs. Lenihan, who has been our instructor in music for the past fourteen years and who has done most excellent work, not sparing herself one atom to make her work with our pupils a success. In accepting her resignation we feel that the town has lost a faithful servant.

In the last two years we have closed two schools knowing that financially it is better for the town to do this and transport the pupils to the center schools.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. H. WARNER,
H. P. GODDARD,
GEO. M. PAGE,
School Committee.

Treasurer's Report

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$10,542 25	
Teachers Retirement,	354 75	
Transportation,	1,583 37	
Superintendent,	900 00	
School Committee,	250 00	
School Physician,	105 25	
Smiths School,	115 00	
Janitors,	960 50	
Sundries,	324 84	
Repairs,	397 14	
Books & Supplies,	597 55	
Music & Teacher,	697 43	
Cleaning,	42 50	
Electric Light,	34 31	
Truant Officer,	10 00	
Janitors Supplies,	115 93	
Fuel,	1,115 71	
	<hr/>	\$18,146 53
Balance,		384 00
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		\$18,530 53

AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	\$13,500 00
Mass. School Fund,	1,037 06
Industrial School Refund,	151 39

City of Boston, Tuition 1918,	\$228 25
Town of Chesterfield, Tuition 1918,	75 00
City of Boston, Tuition 1919,	370 50
State Wards, Tuition,	145 50
Grange Hall,	35 00
School Hall,	1 00
Supt and Teachers Fund,	625 00
Town of Hawley, Tuition,	25 00
General School Fund, Nov. 1919,	460 00
Spl. High School Fund, Dec. 17, 1919,	775 00
Old Desks and Seats,	36 00
Refund Dog Tax,	75 63
Collins Fund,	985 89
Town of Worthington, Supplies,	4 31
	<hr/> \$18,530 53

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Oval & Koster,	\$12 41
Boston Paperboard Co.,	10 00
S. Y. Gallan Co.,	1 60
H. P. Goddard,	7 28
Archabald G. Coldwell,	25
Milton Bradley,	15 15
Benjamin Sanborn,	10 30
MacMillan Co.,	12 09
A. N. Palmer,	4 93
Louis & Caranhan,	51 44
Silver Burdette Co.,	30 90
Warner & Dolan,	1 85
Kingsbury Box Co.,	24 50
E. W. Goodhue,	35 32
Coburn & Graves,	4 26
L. E. Knott,	5 68
D. C. Heath,	18 47
Gazette Printing Co.,	3 00

American Book Co.,	\$51 63	
Chas E. Merrill,	7 55	
Houghton & Mifflin,	13 49	
Edward E. Babb,	115 42	
A. L. Boat Co.,	3 10	
Ginn & Co.,	62 83	
Dowling School Supply Co.,	49 76	
Esterbrook Penn Co.,	8 96	
Amagraph Co.,	5 20	
Allyn & Bacon,	2 48	
Current Events,	11 70	
Geo. F. Johnson,	10 00	
		<hr/> \$597 55

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT.

Anna T. Dunphy,		\$1,060 00
Hazel M. Damon,	\$39 00	632 00
Rena B. Taylor,		330 00
Catherine V. Rieley,		670 00
Elizabeth Purrington,	38 50	631 50
Nellie A. Dolan,		670 00
Anna H MacDonald,	37 00	663 00
Jennie Kiley,	39 00	631 00
C. Ruth Warner,	37 25	592 75
Grace E. Bursley,	19 00	341 00
Helen G. Ryan,		670 00
Ethel Curry,		670 00
Louise R. Page,		336 00
Myra F. Goodhue,	39 00	631 00
Hazel Hilts,	36 00	554 00
Lillian Ogden,	36 00	554 00
Maxine Rhoades,	16 00	244 00
Flora M. Merrifield,	18 00	322 00
Archibald Coldwell,		340 00
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	\$354 75	\$10,542 25

SUNDRIES.

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	\$14 26	
H. W. Hill,	44	
Grace Buersley,	12	
W. M. Purrington, (Insurance),	135 20	
H. G. Hill,	5 17	
Arthur Lovering,	4 00	
Morris C. Warner,	10 00	
Town of Williamsburg,	76 00	
Richard Smith,	10 00	
Mrs. Arthur Hinds,	30 00	
E. W. Goodhue,	34 16	
Hammond & Hammond,	3 00	
Geo. M. Page,	1 25	
Geo. H. Warner,	30	
Consolidated Dry Goods Co.,	94	
	<hr/>	\$324 84

REPAIRS.

L. H. Cranson,	\$169 25	
W. H. Riley Co.,	55 77	
F. L. Woodroof,	6 35	
C. W. Whiting,	1 50	
R. F. Burke,	7 74	
A. L. Waite,	50	
M. L. Emerick,	1 00	
Bisbee Bros.,	54 40	
A. L. Higgins,	1 63	
F. W. Warner,	33 90	
Henry Dansereau.	15 00	
Bradford Lumber Co.,	48 78	
Geo H. Warner,	1 30	
	<hr/>	\$397 14

TRANSPORTATION

Northampton Street Railway,	\$437 37	
Elsie Smart,	453 00	
S. A. Clark,	254 00	
Henry Goodwin,	306 00	
James Stone,	96 00	
Francis Crane,	22 00	
William Graves,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,582 37

SUPERINTENDENT

E. W. Goodhue,	\$900 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Geo. H. Warner,	\$100 00	
Geo. M. Page,	75 00	
H. P. Goddard,	75 00	
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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

C. H. Wheeler,	\$57 25	
J. G. Hayes,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$105 25
Smiths School,		\$115 00

JANITORS.

A. L. Higgins,	\$598 00	
Henry Dansereau,	319 00	
Jennie Kiley,	14 00	
Henry Gilbert,	11 50	
Maxine Rhoades,	8 00	
Walter Kellogg,	8 00	
Lillian Ogden,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$960 50

MUSIC AND TEACHER.

Mrs. Thos. Lenihan,	\$642 50	
Ginn & Co.,	33 27	
Foster Music Publishing House,	1 60	
Albert Shauber,	6 50	
Silver Burdett Co.,	12 56	
Emile Asher,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$697 43

CLEANING.

Henry Danscreau,	\$41 50	
Maxine Rhoades,	1 00	
	<hr/>	42 50

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Mill River Light Co.,	\$34 31
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TRUANT OFFICER.

John J. Trainor,	\$10 00
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JANITOR'S SUPPLIES.

A. G. Cone,	\$7 00	
W. J. Sheehan & Co.,	63 65	
R. F. Burke,	11 25	
James A. Wattie,	8 75	
Standard Oil Co.,	2 50	
A. L. Higgins,	11 03	
D. E. F. Radasch,	11 00	
G. H. Warner,	75	
	<hr/>	\$115 93

FUEL.

Lenihan Bros.,	\$445 20
T. I. Breckenridge,	520 86
W. E. Shumway,	17 00
W. J. Sheehan,	1 65
F. E. Sanderson,	55 00
Silas Snow,	12 00
John Ice,	41 00
J. Edwin Graves,	10 00
Bradford Lumber Co.,	3 00
	—————\$1,115 71

GEO. H. WARNER,

H. P. GODDARD,

GEO. M. PAGE,

School Committee.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:—

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith presented for your consideration and approval.

The report will include, in general, the town fiscal year. School conditions in the town have been very similar to those of preceding years with the exceptions of less interruption by epidemics and increased difficulty in securing teachers and procuring supplies.

The number of schools maintained was the same as last year and all have been in charge of good teachers and have made quite satisfactory progress. In June, three teachers resigned, Mrs. Page, Miss Bursley and Miss Taylor, the resignations of all being received with much regret because of the excellent service they had given and the appreciation of their ability and qualifications. The following transfer were made: Miss Kiely from Searsville to the Williamsburg Second Primary, Miss Damon from Second Primary to Grammar.

New teachers were engaged for the Searsville and Haydenville High-Grammar Schools also an assistant for the High School.

We were fortunate in securing for the two last named positions teachers of large and successful experience, especially well fitted for the profession by education and training, Miss Goldwell and Miss Merrifield. With slight

exceptions, the progress made in the schools has been very satisfactory and, considering the unusual and adverse conditions affecting schools generally the town has been fortunate. We now have as able and efficient a corps of instructors as ever in our history, several of them having served for us many years and whose value to the community cannot be estimated in salaries, every reasonable effort should be made to retain it intact. There has been less interruption of work by epidemics than during last year yet much more than was necessary if all parents and others had used all possible care to guard against contagion and had properly regarded the rights and health of others.

Little outside the regular program has been attempted as there was need of increased endeavor to make good the loss occasioned by previous epidemics and extra work occasioned by war conditions.

Instruction in agriculture has been planned and will be given whenever it seems profitable and conditions warrant it. In this connection it may be said that it is almost impossible for the superintendent to personally supervise such instruction because of the increased demands made upon him in the making of reports to various and numerous departments of state and national government which are compulsory and necessary, and to a legion of societies which while not compulsory are expected and the increased difficulty of finding teachers and procuring supplies. While the interest of school officials in promoting the welfare of the youth and the community is unquestioned, yet the exercise of great judgment is necessary that the most important interests may not be neglected for those of less importance and, it does seem, at times, that many departments and organizations, more or less intimately related to school and community activities and brought into existence as necessary under war conditions, are strenuously attempting to prolong life by and reason by means of constant appeals to school officers and pupils.

Recent legislation while of much benefit to our schools has also served to increase the amount of labor necessary. The instruction in music under the supervision of Mrs. Lenihan has fully maintained its former excellent and valuable character and attention is directed to the report following this.

It was with the greatest regret that we received the resignation of Mrs. Lenihan. Seldom has it been the good fortune of a small town to retain the services of a supervisor of such ability for so many years. Mrs. Lenihan possesses not only an excellent musical education and talents of high order but also, which is of the greatest importance, the ability to instruct and discipline others and to secure interest, attention and hard work. Hundreds of our citizens who have profited by her teaching will ever remember her with the highest regard both as an instructor and personal friend and ever appreciate the pleasure added to their lives by the knowledge of music gained under her instruction.

An evening school for non-English speaking foreigners has been organized in Haydenville in charge of Prin. Coldwell and Miss Purrington and has a regular attendance of about twenty-five pupils. At present, this is supported by private funds but should be continued as an adjunct of the day schools, if present conditions continue, when these funds cease to be available, as an education in English is one of the most valuable factors in securing Americanism and lessening the dangers of Bolshevism.

— The High School graduation exercises were of the usual interesting and excellent character. A unique and pleasing feature of the occasion was the furnishing of music by an orchestra composed of members of the High School. The performance of this organization is worthy of much commendation, the selections being given with skill and expression were greatly appreciated by all, while the fact that we possessed so much of fine musical talent in the

school was a real surprise to many. This orchestra was organized and drilled by Mrs. Lenihan. Six were graduated from the College Preparatory Course—three of whom gained membership in the Pro Merito Society by their high standing—and two from the English Course.

An event of much historical interest to the school and town took place in connection with the exercises, the demobilization of a service flag which honors the names of fifty-four alumni who served in the U. S. army and navy during the world war. Mr. Purrington making the address. The meeting of the Alumni Association held the evening following was well attended and several new members were received. Plans were made for assisting the High School in various ways. This society during the past year has furnished the teachers' rest room with many pretty and useful articles which serve to make it attractive and homelike.

The experiment of serving hot lunches to the pupils of the Center School was inaugurated this year under the direction of Mr. Higgins. Whether or not they may be as necessary and valuable as claimed by those advocating the plan may be still an open question but, it is evident they add much to the comfort and pleasure of those obliged to bring lunches from home and probably tend to preserve health.

Transportation of pupils from Nash Hill, South Street and Chesterfield Road has been continued through the year. While the expense to the town is considerable yet it does not equal that which would be incurred by the support of schools in these localities, especially under present conditions, while the advantages gained by the pupils are many.

The great problem now forcing itself upon school authorities for solution is that of securing a supply of competent teachers, in fact, of any teachers whatever competent or incompetent. So much has been written

and published about this that evidence of the scarcity need hardly be given here. When we are informed by Sec'y. Lane that 134,000 teachers left the ranks last year to engage in better paying employment, and learn, from other sources, that hundreds of positions in both the elementary and secondary schools of neighboring states are now vacant and hundreds of others occupied by untrained and unskilled teachers with the outlook for the coming year much worse, we are justified in calling conditions critical. For years we have been asserting by the payment of grossly inadequate wages that the positions of teacher was considered secondary to most others, and when opportunity offered the teachers at once deserted the profession. The wages paid brick-layers, steel workers and many other laborers average three times as large as those paid teachers and how in the world can we expect to get them worth the room they take up until they are paid for their services? Unless we soon awake to the fact that we are endangering not only the success of our children but the safety of the nation as well, the future will bring to us anarchy and destruction.

Recent legislation intended to aid the towns in increasing the salaries of teachers has relieved the situation in some measure but, as the available supply of teachers is totally inadequate to meet the demand while the normal schools have one-third less pupils in attendance on them than three years ago, even this will not greatly aid many rural towns. Wages being equalized and positions plenty, teachers will accept only those most desirable because of locality and character of the neighborhood, towns who cannot offer these must either pay a bonus, consolidate schools, or employ incompetent persons as teachers.

The committee of this town appreciating the circumstances, wisely and promptly complied with the requirements of the law and increased salaries for the year, largely due to this we shall receive from the state several thousands of dollars as additional aid.

With such educational opportunities as are now offered it seems vastly strange that so many parents can value them so lightly.

Pupils are continually being kept out of school on the most flimsy and foolish pretexts, it almost seems that some are anxious to take advantage of every circumstance which can possibly be construed as an excuse for non-attendance. While there is no question as to the ability of our attendance officers and they have promptly and efficiently performed their duties when called upon, yet the conditions under which they are employed makes it impossible for them to respond to calls at a time when most needed. It would be a paying investment for this town to employ an attendance officer who should devote his whole time to the duties of the office, and who could be reached and sent out at any time while the schools are in session. It is almost of daily occurrence in certain parts of the town to see school children playing on or wandering about the streets or running on errands while the schools are in session. When asked why they are not in school the reply is either that they are sick or must go on an errand. This should be stopped at once and completely. Any pupil out of school on the plea of sickness if found upon the street should be arrested and placed in school. In contrast to this it is a pleasure to say that by far the greater number of parents appreciate the value of an education and insist that their children attend school promptly and regularly.

Much needed alterations and repairs of the Purrington and Haydenville Central buildings have been made and others sufficient to insure the comfort of the children, but more should be made as soon as the high cost of labor and material can be met. Great economy in the purchase and use of school supplies has been urged owing to the tremendous increase in cost sometimes necessary, probably quite often unnecessary, in some cases 150 per cent., still the

expense has increased and will probably continue to do so until people are willing to go to work and produce supplies needed instead of indifferently regarding the needs of the public, and cease shouting for more something for nothing. It is desired to impress strongly upon our citizens the fact that, considering the conditions previously referred to, we have been extremely fortunate in securing teachers of such undoubted ability and in obtaining such satisfactory results while some of our neighboring towns have suffered inconvenience and loss.

In closing your superintendent wishes to acknowledge his sincere appreciation of the assistance given him in his work by the school committee whose members by their clear recognition of the gravity of the situation and the danger threatening the school system have wisely and promptly acted, to thank the teachers for their helpful and hearty co-operation and the citizens for their continued interest and courtesy shown.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1919

SCHOOLS	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Aggregate Attendance
Williamsburg High.....	23	24	45.05	40.94	90.88	7,158.00
Grammar.....	11	22	29.99	26.13	87.13	4,480.00
Intermediate.....	19	16	32.16	28.12	87.44	4,900.50
Second Primary.....	17	15	29.20	25.65	87.50	4,497.50
First Primary.....	22	16	30.65	26.37	86.34	4,614.00
Searsville.....	13	6	15.12	14.05	92.92	2,210.00
North Street.....	5	8	8.43	7.90	93.71	1,381.00
Mountain Street.....	11	3	9.90	7.94	80.21	1,346.00
Haydenville High Grammar.....	14	13	23.05	19.77	85.77	3,260.00
Grammar.....	15	14	25.93	22.61	87.20	3,710.50
Intermediate.....	25	14	25.93	22.61	87.20	3,710.50
Third Primary.....	18	12	20.22	17.24	85.26	2,888.00
Second Primary.....	13	20	29.65	25.01	84.35	4,097.00
First Primary.....	24	17	32.57	27.23	83.60	4,590.00
Totals	230	202	364.03	317.51	87.23	53,818.00

CENSUS APRIL 1, 1919.

Number of persons five to sixteen years of age,	449
Males 237. Females 212.	
Number of persons five to seven years of age,	58
Males 28. Females 30.	
Number of persons seven to fourteen years of age,	319
Males 170. Females 149.	
Number of persons fourteen to sixteen years of age,	72
Number of resident pupils attending school,	410
Number over sixteen years of age attending school,	20
Number of different teachers employed,	18
Number graduated from college,	2
Number graduated from normal schools,	8
Number that have received normal training,	2
Number graduated from secondary schools only,	6

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSICAL
INSTRUCTION.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

The report on the music in the schools of this town is herewith submitted for your approval. It has been the aim throughout my term of service as Supervisor of Music to instill into the minds of our pupils a love for good music.

In making the statement "Love for Good Music," it is intended to set forth the idea that music of an elevating character is the kind of music we wish to have our children enjoy. "Everybody loves music," is a common remark, but our main object has been to so direct and fill the mind and heart with a taste for the best there is in the art as to leave no room for pleasure in other than music which will arouse the very best in our natures.

Two of the greatest women singers of the last century were the daughters of the greatest of Russian tenors, the first Manuel Garcia. In speaking of the difference between his gifted daughters the father said, "One must be bound with a chain, the other may be led by a silver thread." Teachers discover just such differences among pupils and come to realize that although the fundamental principles of good singing are immutable there are as many ways of inculcating them as there are pupils. In practically every schoolroom in town you will find that the pupils look upon the music period as a time of recreation. Is it because this period is used for a playtime? No indeed it is a time of good, hard work but so much pleasure is derived from the study that it seems more like recreation than drudgery. Last year we spoke of the sight reading of words and music simultaneously. We have carried on this phase of the work with splendid results. Miss Dolan's fifth and sixth grades should receive special mention for this work. We have worked more slowly with the theory of music this year. It is so easy for pupils to forget their work that we have given more time to the development of each step in theory before taking up another.

Thoroughness has been our aim and, in most cases, this method of procedure has proved very satisfactory.

Miss Damon has a splendid class of seventh and eighth grade pupils of whose work in music one may well be proud.

Miss Kiely's third and fourth grades sing very commendably a number of songs and are doing theory work very well.

Miss Warner has the primary grades which it is always a delight to hear.

In Haydenville, much credit is due Miss Riley for the manner in which she has worked with the class also for the gratifying results obtained.

Miss Goodhue has a third grade which has completed the theory course for her room and which sings a number of songs delightfully.

Miss Ryan's fifth and sixth grades sing splendidly two and three part selections keeping their theory work well in hand.

The seventh and eighth grades sing their part songs in a pleasing manner and have taken practically all theory work for these grades.

Again we have a first grade with Miss Purrington who, needless to say, deserves much credit. Not only must the children be taught music but the additional task of teaching little folks how to speak the words is encountered. So many of the little people can hardly say more than two or three words in English when they enter this grade, therefore it can readily be realized how great the amount of work and patience necessary to secure good results.

The out schools are also working hard, the results being hardly as satisfactory as in schools where there are but one or two grades. However, the work done in these schools is deserving of much credit.

The High School made a decided hit at the graduating exercises with its orchestra, the singing also showed that a great deal of work had been put into the chorus during the year and the manner in which the songs were executed deserves great praise.

Up to the present time this year our High School has mastered several excellent selections from "The Junior High School Book" and "The Standard Song Classics" by Baldwin and Newton both of which furnish splendid opportunities for the average high school voice.

May I take this opportunity townspeople, parents and guardians of the pupils, to thank you for your efforts in helping to make my work more pleasant by your interest. Pupils, I am grateful to you for your generous response at all times. Teachers, to you I wish to express my sin-

cere thanks for and appreciation of your hearty co-operation in every way, and to you, Mr. Goodhue, and members of the school board, I also extend my gratitude for your share in making my work so agreeable.

To my successor I extend my best wishes and trust that she may find as ready and willing workers and as many pleasant associations as I have found during my entire term of service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. THOMAS F. LENIHAN.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools,

DEAR SIR:—

I take pleasure in presenting my eleventh annual report as Medical Inspector of Schools for the Village of Haydenville.

Total Number of Children Examined,	205
Number of Cases needing dental attention,	98
Number of children noted as having good teeth,	40
Number of cases of enlarged tonsils and adenoids,	20
Number of cases of pediculosis,	3
Number of cases of scalp disease,	2
Number of cases of speech defect,	1
Number of pupils not vaccinated,	19

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WHEELER, M. D.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—Below you will find a report of my work as School Physician:—

Total Number of pupils examined,	192
Number not vaccinated,	28
Number of cases of tonsils and adenoids,	11
Number of cases of decayed teeth,	30

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HAYES, M. D.

REPORT OF HEARING AND SIGHT TEST

Number of pupils examined,	401
Number of cases of defective vision,	24
Number of cases of defective hearing,	7
Number of parents notified,	21

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

Helen E. James School Building, June 26, 1919.

CLASS MOTTO, Four Years 'Course, "Vestigia nulla retrorsum."

PROGRAM.

Song,	High School Chorus
Prayer,	Rev. John Pierpont
Salutatory,	Ruth Elvera Schuler
Class History,	Ralph Ernest LeDuc

Song,	Glee Club
Class Prophecy,	Gladys Childs Miller
Prophecy on Prophetess,	Frederick Clark Healy
Song,	High School Chorus
Valedictory,	Raymond Stephen Burke
Demobilization of Service Flag,	W. M. Purrington
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. E. W. Goodhue
Benediction,	Rev. Robert E. Life

CLASS OFFICERS.

President, Amy S. Goodhue.
 Vice-President, R. Elvera Schuler.
 Secretary, Gladys C. Miller.
 Treasurer, Ralph E. LeDuc.

MEMBERS OF CLASS

*Raymond Stephen Burke,	Amy Stebbins Goodhue,
*Ruth Elvera Schuler,	Ralph Ernest LeDuc,
*Gladys Childs Miller,	Frederick Clark Healy.

Class Colors, Purple and Gold.

Class Flower, Red Rose.

TWO YEARS' COURSE.

Helen Josephine Drake,
 Walter Leroy Leonard.

*Members of Pro Merito Society.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1920.

September 7—First term begins.

October 12—Columbus Day, Holiday.

November 25, 26—Thanksgiving Recess.

December 24—First term ends.

1921.

January 3—Second term begins.

February 22—Washington's Birthday, Holiday.

April 1—Second term ends.

April 11—Third term begins.

April 19—Patriots' Day, Holiday.

May 30—Memorial Day, Holiday.

June 24—Third term ends.

Days to be observed with appropriate exercises.

Nov. 11—For Peace Day.

February 11—For Lincoln's Birthday.

April 13—Band of Mercy Day.

May 27—Patriotic Exercises.

This calendar is subject to change by the School Committee.

Teachers are expected to follow the calendar strictly unless otherwise instructed by the School Committee or Superintendent.

Teachers closing school for an entire session on other than regular holidays, for any reason, will notify the superintendent of Schools in advance if possible. Do not fail to do so.